

SYDNEY, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1902.

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Births.
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JOHN FAIRFAX AND SONS

The council of the Chamber of Manufacturers carried a motion declaring that the provisions of the Immigration Restriction Act under which Britishmen were recently detained on board a steamer are inimical to the progress and development of Commonwealth.

Mr Edmund Barton stated to a delegation of work employed (Hawkes and others) yesterday that there would be no attempt to alter the payment.

FOR XMAS PRESENTS.
Give your friends a gift. — the Oyster Tea, 7d.
No 64, 11a, — Harrow and Geo. St. Brompton, — Adm.

The rainfall since has been a favourable feature, but it will not restore lost soil nor give the farmers a wheat harvest. Appropriations may be put on any scale the Government choose, but our experience of its forecasts twelve months back do not justify a hopeful view of the realization of its estimated credit balance of \$400 million unless there be some more resolute steps to keep down the public expenditure. The appropriation and provision of funds is in a somewhat different position.

clauses the holders of no less than 5,880 shares have come to the Land Department to have their contracts with the Crown revised and that the result of the reappraisement has been financially disadvantageous to the Crown, the value of conditional leases having been reduced by about 30 per cent. on homestead selections 31 per cent., conditional leases 40 per cent., settlement leases 35 per cent., and rental of conditional leases 25 per cent., this loss to the Crown in capital value on what has been already appraised (the

The Newspaper Committee, which met yesterday on the carriage of newspapers on Government Railways did not meet yesterday. Legislative Assembly was sitting. A meeting was called for 10.50 a.m. to-day, the day being to consider the draft report.

Public Holidays.—Early in the week the Government announced that it had decided not to proclaim Saturday, 27th October, as a general public holiday throughout the State. Gormley, when the Legislative Assembly met yesterday afternoon, said the Premier would reconsider that decision. Sir John Curran, said the Government did not intend

Brighton Races: First event, 5.40 p.m.
Liberal and Reform Party: Meeting, Old Temple, Elizabeth-street, 8 p.m., new program.
N.W. Alliance (Newtown Branch): Public meeting, 7.30 p.m., at Newtown Town Hall.
Sale of wools: Dr. David's, Deborah, Ashfield St., Margaret's Hospital Compound: Town Hall, The Metropolitan: 900 George-street and 14 Victoria-st., 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cyclists:—"Battle of Bellspring," Hills Road, 6.30 p.m.
Cricket Teams: "A Trip to Chicago," 7.30 p.m.
Cricket Teams: "The West Enders," 7.30 p.m.
Lecture: "The New Testament," 8 p.m., at Lewin House.
Theatricals: New Vandemata Company, 8 p.m.
Theatre Royal: The Playgoer Club, 8 p.m.

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VENEZUELA

**THE ARBITRATION PROPOSAL.
PRESIDENT CASTRO AGREES.**

LONDON, Dec. 10.

New York journals state that Venezuela agrees to accept everything contained in arbitration proposal except territorial indemnities.

Venezuela suggests that Mr. H. W. Bowditch, United States Minister at Caracas, should be the arbitrator.

THE UNITED STATES MINISTER
LONDON, Dec. 11.
Admiral Dewey has been ordered
sent an officer to act as Assistant Minister
Caracas.

THE STATE OF WAR.
EFFECT ON THE BLOCKADE.
LONDON, Dec. 11.
The virtual declaration by Mr. A. J. T.
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THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY.
LONDON, Dec. 11.
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THE REBELLION IN MOROCCO
PRETENDER ESTABLISHES A COURT

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The Pretender to the throne of Morocco was not captured, as was recently reported. He has now established his Court at Tetuan, near where the Sultan had a narrow escape last week. The Pretender is surrounded with every symbol of royalty, and the tribes eastward of Fez recognize his authority.

SILVER.

LONDON, Dec. 11.

Bar silver is quoted to-day at 1s 10½d ounce standard.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

CLOSER SETTLEMENT.

When our first edition went to press the Legislative Assembly was discussing a motion moved by the Minister for Lands discussing the purchase of the Old Herrigan Estate for closer settlement purposes.

Mr. McGEOWN had moved an amendment authorizing the purchase at the value upon which the land had been paid, plus 10 per cent, and the making of improvements as estimated by the L. Board.

Mr. PEACE said there was a simple issue as to original motion—yes or no. He was going to vote for the motion.

Mr. FRINGUSON said the question to decide whether the land was worth the money for which it was offered to the State. He believed it was, the weight of evidence was in favour of that price being given.

Mr. CARROLL said he should oppose the motion as the price placed upon the land was too high.

Mr. BRUNNER said that it was necessary to make a good beginning in administering this act, and that not only the present price should prevail but that the State should have a right to buy.

Mr. JOHN HURLEY (at 2.35 a.m.) moved
"That the question be now put."
The motion was agreed to on the voices.
The amendment was negatived on the voices.
The original motion was negatived
44 votes to 28. The division list was
as follows:—For the motion: E. Clarke, Crick,
John Sea, Perry, O'Sullivan, Anderson, Macdonald,
McGowan, McNeill, MacNeil, Mrs. Ales. Cameron,
Davis, McFarlane, Price, Briner, Maughan, Hay,
Quirk, D. O'Connor, Kidd, J. F. Smith, Beattie,
Williams, Ferguson, McNeill, McMahon, Fraser
and McLauren.
Against the motion:—Messrs. Coburn, Hope,
Nobbs, Carruthers Moore, Ashton, Morton, Davidson, E. M. Clark, Levy, Gilbert, Fall,
B. O'Connor, Howarth, Brunker, Scobie, A. Campbell,
Whitcomb, Londale, Law. Nicholson.

The House was sitting at 4 o'clock.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

GOVERNMENT PROSPECTING EXPEDITION.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

The Government has approved of the reorganisation of the Government Geologist, Mr. H. Y. Brown, that a prospecting party should be sent to make a mineralogical examination of the country between the Adelaide, Mann, and Tomkinson rivers, and that a geological survey should be made of the whole of the country between the Adelaide and Tomkinson rivers, and that a geological survey should be made of the whole of the country between the Adelaide and Tomkinson rivers.

Mr. Supple, stationmaster at Alice Springs, now Adelaide, states that the pastoral country in interior is in a splendid condition. Even before latest rains the grass was growing rapidly. mentioned the interesting fact that recently Arunta tribe of natives went out from Charles Waters to perform the sacred ceremony of fire making.

THE HOMEBUSH STOCK MARKET.

The effect of the native rains on the pastures

many pairs of the country stock on the value of the country stock, and the greater the number of fat stock shiysdya. Grangers and country stockmen, strong force, purchasing sheep and lambs for fattening and breeding purposes. As a consequence, the values rose considerably for all descriptions of country stock, especially for good to prime lambs, which were in great demand. The country stockmen buyers operated briskly for both sheep and lambs suitable for stocking purposes at enhanced values on the rates ruled on Monday last. This very business did not prevail suits to the close. Several of the country stockmen buyers had to be let in the regular order of sale as flayed by ballot, so they were submitted to auction afterwards. When buyers were not quite so numerous, with the result that there was an easier tendency at the finish. The bulk of the country stock came from parts of the country is favored by rain, and the country stockmen buyers sheep in poor condition. However, a fair number

Although under 700 head of cattle were marketed yesterday, the supply in anticipation of heavy rainings on Monday next was more than ample for requirements, and values fell to a more moderate rate than has prevailed of late, especially during the middle sale. The quality of the cattle was not good generally, as on Monday last, but there was very fair sprinkling of good to prime medium and lightweight bullocks forward. Prime and heavy bullocks such as were marketed on Monday last were not in evidence excepting singly here and there. Beef cows (really prime medium weight bullocks) realized 40c to 45c per 100lb.

A misleading statement has been circulated to the effect that the Minister for Education, Mr. Perry had received the recommendations of the joint committee regarding the proposed alterations to respond to the best method to be adopted of teaching instruction on a sound footing and including overlapping at present takes place. The committee in question consists of Messrs. Lister, Lister, John, representing the Art Society; Messrs. Du Plessis, representing the Trustees of the National Art Gallery; and Mr. Wright and Woodhouse, representing the Teachers' College. When spoken to on the matter last evening, Mr. Perry stated it was absolutely correct for anyone to state that the recommendations of the committee had reached his ears. "I have not seen any recommendations," observed Mr. Perry, "and do not know if they have been prepared."

Under these circumstances I cannot say what action the joint committee has decided to recommend."

Mr. Perry was informed that the statement of the committee was made in the following manner: "The committee decided to recommend that the art classes should be controlled by three commissioners, one for each of the institutions mentioned; that \$250 be set apart for the art committee to the Art Society towards providing it with quarters for holding exhibitions; and that the top floor of the Market-buildings be secured for the establishment of a new art school. Mr. Perry again replied that he was in total ignorance of any decision that had been arrived at by the joint committee, but expected to receive it in a few days."

and Germany, or the southern, such as Spain, Portugal), and Sicily, there is but the same tie to tell of the vintage of 1902—diminished quantity and doubtful quality. In the least reputed vineyards of the past there have always been, in vineyards or districts here and there, vines which have eventually developed into exceptional quality. Such observations will, however, so fear, in 1901 and 1902, owing to insufficient maturity of the grape, be of rare occurrence. To the consumer, outside the wine-pro-

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